



## United States Department of the Interior

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3505 (UT-9223)

UTU-88800 – UTU-88805

UTU-88814 – UTU-88820

UTU-88842 – UTU-88852

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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Certified Mail No. – 7011 1150 0002 0263 7574

Return Receipt Requested

Foster Wilson  
14605 Geronimo Trail  
Reno, NV 89521

### Processing Fee Required

Dear Mr. Wilson,

On January 4, 2012, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Salt Lake Field Office (SLFO) received your applications for potassium prospecting permits, UTU-88800 – UTU-88805, and UTU-88814 – UTU-88820 from the BLM Utah State Office. On May 14, 2012, the SLFO received a second set of applications, UTU-88842 – UTU-88852. Both sets of applications are for public lands located in the Pilot Valley playa of western Box Elder and Tooele Counties.

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A BLM cost estimate to complete processing of your prospecting permit applications on the lands of the Pilot Valley is enclosed.

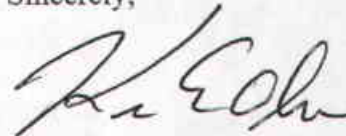
If you agree with the fee estimate, please sign the estimate and submit the payment for the estimated amount to BLM. If you agree with the amount, but would like to make installment payments, please sign the estimate and request a payment schedule. BLM can set up a payment schedule if requested.

If you wish to provide comments on the estimated fee, you have 30 days to provide comments and BLM will review your comments and may make any adjustments to the fee estimate if necessary. After the 30 day comment period is over, BLM will submit a written final fee estimate accompanied by a bill which will be mailed to you. After you receive the bill your payment is due within 30 days and BLM will bill for the entire amount. If in processing the application we encounter higher costs than anticipated, we will provide a revised estimate but processing of the permit will not stop. If the bill is less than estimated then BLM will refund any unused funds.

If it is determined that prospecting is necessary, BLM will request that you submit the exploration plan required by 43 CFR 3505.45. The 43 Code of Federal Regulations Part 3500 can be accessed online at <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/>. Prior to the issuance of the prospecting permit, your exploration plan will have to be reviewed and approved by BLM. The approved plan will become one of the alternatives that will be analyzed as part of completing the requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please feel free to contact Stephen Allen, SLFO Geologist at (801) 977-4360.

Sincerely,



Kevin Oliver  
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Enclosure:  
Initial Cost Estimate

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**INITIAL ESTIMATE**  
**FEE ESTIMATE FOR CASE – BY – CASE PROCESSING**  
**Energy & Mineral Resources Cost Recovery**

Application Serial Number: UTU-88800 – UTU-88805, UTU-88814 – UTU-88820,  
and UTU-88842 – UTU-88852, Prospecting Permit Applications - Potassium

Applicant: Foster Wilson

Address: 14605 Geronimo Trail, Reno, NV 89521

Agent: Same

Address: Same

Application For: Potassium Prospecting Permits

Location:

Pilot Valley, Western Box Elder and Tooele Counties, Utah

Other pertinent information:

**Estimated Processing Requirements:**

Is NEPA analysis required? No ☐ Yes ☒ Type EIS ☐ EA ☒ Other ☐ DNA ☐

If "yes" will BLM perform NEPA analysis? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "no" name of 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor: TBD

Brief description of Processing Step	Estimated Processing Cost
1. <u>Application Receipt</u>	<u>\$150</u>
2. <u>Prepare Mineral Report</u>	<u>\$19,460</u>
3. <u>Review Exploration Plan</u>	<u>\$12,520</u>
4. <u>Prepare/Review NEPA document</u>	<u>\$ 22,610</u>
5. <u>Stipulation Development</u>	<u>\$ 220</u>
6. <u>Estimate Bond</u>	<u>\$2,880</u>
7. <u>Pre-Permit Issue</u>	<u>\$2,160</u>

Approved by: 

BLM Authorized Officer

Total Estimated Fee: \$ \$60,000

(Difference due to rounding)

Date: 29 June 12

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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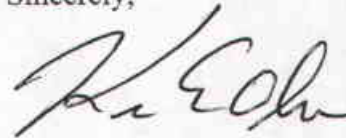
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